

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Replace the paragraph spanning pages 2-3, between page 2, line 32, and page 3, line 4 of the specification with the following:

This image processing system ~~is claimed in Claim 1. This image processing system~~ offers the advantage that the aorta wall behavior is made clearly visible together with the parameters that are useful for the clinician in the study of these Abdominal Aortic Aneurysms. This system has display means to visualize the images and constitutes a tool for non-invasive diagnostic of arterial wall anomalies. An ultrasonic diagnostic method ~~having~~ has processing steps for operating this system and an ultrasound apparatus coupled to this system ~~are claimed in dependent Claims.~~